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SUBJECT: JOINT APPROACH TO SOUTH AFRICA ON NAMIBIA

1. BELOW IS TEXT OF DRAFT AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH WE, UK AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED TO AND WHICH CHARGE, TOGETHER WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS, SHOULD PRESENT TO FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER. DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS AND TALKING POINTS BEING TRANSMITTED BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

2. THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN VIEW OF THEIR SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AS PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, HAVE JOINTLY REVIEWED THE PROBLEM OF NAMIBIA AND HAVE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING
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PRINCIPLES WHICH THEY BELIEVE SHOULD GOVERN ITS POLITICAL

AND CONSTITUTIONAL FUTURE.

THE THREE GOVERNMENTS CONSIDER THAT ALL THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA SHOULD WITHIN A SHORT TIME BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRES THEIR VIEWS FREELY AND UNDER UN SUPERVISION ON THE POLITICAL FUTURE AND CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE TERRITORY, AND THATTHE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER OF POWER AND SOUTH AFRICA'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TERRITORY SHOULD BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC CHOICE. THEY URGE THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO

STATE ITS INTENTIONS PUBLICLY IN THIS REGARD AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

THEY FURTHER CONSIDER THAT ALL NAMIBIAN POLITICAL GROUPS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CAMPAIGN FOR THEIR VIEWS AND TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT HINDRANCE IN PEACEFUL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN THE COURSE OF THE PROCESS OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

THE THREE GOVERNMENTS ARE OPPOSED TO THE SPLITTING UP OF THE TERRITORY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY OF APARTHEID, AND CONSIDER THAT THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE FREELY EXPRESSED CHOICE OF ITS INHABITANTS. THEY URGE THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, IN COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS, TO BRING NAMIBIA TO INDEPENDENCE AS ONE STATE UNLESS THE INHABITANTS OF THE TERRITORY SHOULD FREELY CHOOSE OTHERWISE.
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